

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 7, 9-12, 15, 19, 21-24, 27-29 and 31-33 are pending in this application.

Each of those claims is allowed.

The present response is submitted to place the above-identified application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action. Specifically, the only issue presented in the outstanding Office Action was an objection to claims 30 and 34 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c). To address that objection claims 30 and 34 are canceled by the present response without prejudice. Thus, only allowable claims are currently pending in this application.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Customer Number
22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 06/04)

GJM:SNS\dt

I:\ATTY\SNS\0557\05574877\05574877.AM2.DOC



Gregory J. Maier
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 25,599

Surinder Sachar
Registration No. 34,423